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FOLLOWING MESSAGE (DTG O R/281530Z NOV 73) FROM NEW DELHI
SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON REPEATED TO YOU

S E C R E T NEW DELHI 13845

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF HANCOCK

REF: STATE 232662

1. WITH BREZHNEV IN NEW DELHI PUSHING THE INDIANS
FOR FREE USE OF THEIR PORTS BY HIS NAVY AND THE
INDIANS PUTTING UP AT LEAST SOME RESISTANCE, I AM
TOLD THAT WE ARE GOING TO REPLACE THE HANCOCK WITH
ANOTHER CARRIER FROM THE SEVENTH FLEET. THEN I
AM TOLD TO TELL THE PRESS, IF THEY ASK, THAT
THIS IS ONLY THE SAME OLD TEMPORARY DEPLOYMENT
OF SHIPS FROM ELSEWHERE THAT WE TALKED ABOUT WHEN
THE HANCOCK FIRST ARRIVED. I DOUBT THAT THIS MAKES
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SENSE EVEN IN WASHINGTON. IT CERTAINLY DOESN'T HERE.

2. HOW TEMPORARY IS OUR PRESENCE
IN THE INDIAN OCEAN INTENDED TO BE? IF WE GO

AHEAD WITH THIS SHIFT AND I TELL THE GOVERNMENT
HERE ABOUT IT -- AND CLEARLY I SHOULD -- THE
INDIANS AREN'T GOING TO HAVE MUCH DOUBT ABOUT OUR
INTENTION. CLEARLY THEY WOULDN'T THINK THAT WE
WOULD BE SO STUPID AS TO TAKE ALL THE PUBLICITY
OF PUSHING THOSE SHIPS THROUGH THE STRAITS AGAIN
IF WE DIDN'T PLAN TO STAY AROUND FOR A WHILE -- A
LONG WHILE.

3. IF THIS IS TRUE -- THAT WE PLAN TO BE AROUND
IN THIS OCEAN FOR A LONG TIME-- THEN I WOULD LIKE
TO BE TOLD ABOUT IT. I AM EMPLOYED TO OFFER VIEWS
ABOUT SUCH THINGS BEFORE THE TENMINUTES' NOTICE
WHICH SEEMS
TO BE MY DUE. BUT I DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR FURTHER
WORD TO TELL YOU WHAT I THINK OF WHAT YOU PLAN TO
TELL THE NEWSPAPERS. TRADITIONAL POLICY OF TEMPORARY
DEPLOYMENT, INDEED* HOW DOES TEMPORARY POLICY OF
PERMANENT DEPLOYMENT GRAB YOU? ALTERNATIVELY, NO
COMMENT. OR, IMPERMEABLE POLICY OF CONTEMPORARY
UNEMPLOYMENT. GIVE AT LEAST SOME THOUGHT TO
O TEMPERA O MORES. IN LAST RESORT, BLAME THE
BRITISH.

4. WHATEVER WE DO LET US AT ALL COSTS NOT RPT
NOT TELL THE TRUTH.
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